**Section 401.312 Workforce and Educational Transcript Review Committee (WETRC)**

a) The Department’s Central Office of Licensing shall establish a Workforce and Educational Transcript Review Committee (WETRC) whose purpose shall be as follows:

1) For applicants with qualifications under Section 401.310(b) through (d), review the documentation submitted pursuant to Section 401.311 and recommend approving or denying the request.

2) For applicants with a Master’s degree in another field who have completed significant course work that may qualify as human services course work, the committee shall review all transcripts and course information and make a decision on the equivalency of the degree to a human services degree.

3) For applicants with a Bachelor’s degree in another field who have completed significant course work that may qualify as human services course work, the committee shall review all transcripts and course information and make a decision on the equivalency of the degree to a human services degree.

b) The committee’s membership shall consist of seven members.

1) Two permanent members and one alternate member shall be representatives of the child welfare agencies selected by the DCFS Director or designee.

2) Five permanent members and one alternate member shall be DCFS employees selected by the DCFS Director or designee.

c) The committee’s chair person shall be a DCFS employee selected by the Deputy Director of Licensing and have the following responsibilities:

1) The chairperson or designee shall view the committee’s mailbox DCFS.Licwrkforedu@illinois.gov on a daily basis.

2) The chair person shall review all documents received, develop a written summary of the applicant’s qualifications and forward the summary with the supporting documents to all WETRC members via their respective State of Illinois e-mail addresses before the scheduled review by the committee.

3) The chair person shall schedule a meeting of the WETRC on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month. If a holiday falls on the scheduled date, the committee will meet the following business day. Based on the number of requests for approval and availability of the committee members, the DCFS Committee Chair may schedule additional meetings. The purpose of the meeting is for the members to review, discuss and recommend by majority of members present to approve or deny the request. For purposes of this subsection, 4 members present constitutes a majority. The chair person shall not vote unless to break a tie.

4) Within 5 business days following the meeting, the chair person shall send the following documentation to the Associate Deputy, Deputy Director of Licensing and all of the committee members:

A) Documentation received under Section 401.311; and

B) Written memorandum which states the committee’s recommendation and the reasons supporting the recommendation.

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